

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Branson Police Crack Down on Impaired Drivers**

You Drink & Drive. You Lose.

The Branson Police Department recently focused extra enforcement efforts on impaired driving laws March 12 - 14, 2010.

During the effort, law enforcement officers issued a total of (104) citations that includes (14) speeding tickets, (3) driving while intoxicated, (16) stop sign violations, (18) safety belt, (27) uninsured motorist violations, (26) other violations and arrested (11) people on outstanding warrants as a result of the crackdown.

"Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is never worth the risk of a tragedy. We're working to keep our roads safer," said (Assistant Chief Dalton).

Driving while intoxicated remains one of the top causes of fatal car crashes in Missouri. In 2008, 261 people in Missouri were killed, 1,202 seriously injured and 3,398 received minor injuries in crashes involving an impaired driver.

Enforcement efforts like this one help to take impaired drivers off the road and make travel in Missouri safer.

For more information on impaired driving, visit www.saveMOlives.com.